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**Councillor Peter
 Oyler on water
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Girl saves woman from fire

by JENN WATT
 Editor

Ten-year-old Taylor Coltman is
 being called a hero by pretty much
 everyone in Minden after helping
 an elderly woman out of her burn-
 ing apartment Nov. 24.

Taylor and her sister Jayme, 6,
 were visiting their grandma, Sherin
 Brown at Staunworth Terrace
 apartments on Parkside Street after
 school on Tuesday evening when
 the fire alarm started ringing.

The fire was two apartments
 down the hall, and the kids knew
 instantly that their neighbour was
 in trouble.

"I yelled into the apartment and
 told her to come out as fast as she
 could," Taylor recalls.

The neighbour heard her calls
 and came to the patio, where she

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Jack Brezina, dressed as Minden pioneer Daniel Buck, and Linda Litwin of Minden's sesquicentennial committee walked along beside the committee's float, which featured a giant birthday cake at Minden's Santa Claus Parade last weekend. More photos on page 4.

Carnarvon fire protection on agenda

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

Carnarvon residents will be
 happy to know that the fire ser-
 vices standby agreement between
 Minden Hills and Algonquin
 Highlands may be salvaged yet.

Last month, Algonquin Highlands

councillors and Carnarvon resi-
 dents were upset to learn that
 Minden Hills's fire chief had sug-
 gested eliminating a \$5,000 stand-
 by agreement with Algonquin
 Highlands as part of his efforts to
 cut his budget.

For the last 20 years, Minden
 Hills (and formerly Minden

township) has paid Algonquin
 Highlands (and formerly Stanhope
 township) a flat standby fee for the
 year and in return, Stanhope fire-
 fighters attend medical calls and
 car crashes in the Carnarvon area,
 which is part of Minden Hills.

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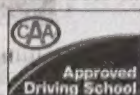
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Dorset man charged with drunk driving

Two drivers were charged this past weekend with alcohol-related driving offences.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 29, an officer was patrolling the Dorset area and initiated a traffic stop. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

A 49-year-old man of Algonquin Highlands township has been charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 mgs contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

On Nov. 29 at approximately 12:30 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment responded to a traffic complaint in Haliburton.

Officers located the vehicle and had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

A 67-year-old man from Highlands East township has been charged with failing to provide a breath sample contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

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The Highlands Weekender

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December 3, 2009

Bare walls a temporary condition at Off The Wall

Symphony shares sounds of the season

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- Off The Wall opens in Haliburton
- Wind symphony plays holiday favourites
- Write reviews at the library
- Santa Claus parade pics
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A group sings carols in the Village Green before the Christmas Tree lighting.

Mindenites light tree

Even though the grass was green and the temperatures were relatively mild, Mindenites were in the holiday spirit when they came out to the Christmas Tree lighting and carol sing at the Village Green this past Friday evening.

The group sang many of the traditional Christmas favourites before counting down to the lighting of the Christmas tree. The five-metre-tall tree was placed

in the Village Green and decorated by township staff. Earlier in the week, volunteers led by Lois Rigney added lights to the Village Green gazebo and trees while another group led by Anne Neave decorated the street poles and the Bobcaygeon Street bridge. The tree and bridge were lit for the first time on Friday evening.

/Photos by Sian Cox



Baggie the dog came dressed in his festive attire.



Above and right: children and adults alike attend Minden's Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday, November 27.



Santa visits Minden

Hundreds lined Minden's Bobcaygeon Road on the morning of Nov. 28 for the village's annual Santa Claus parade. Despite grey weather, the mood was festive. There was a sea of red balloons, as members of township staff, council and Minden's sesquicentennial committee handed out balloons celebrating the village's 150th birthday.

Photos by Chad Ingram



Straight from the North Pole, the jolly one himself waves to the crowds.



This gentleman sang Christmas carols while accompanying himself on accordion.



Pylons like Christmas too.



Even this dog got into the festive spirit.



Megan Stong and little Emmett were part of a float celebrating 150 years of farming in Minden.



Minden's Sparks, Brownies and Guides took part in the festivities.



This fellow was looking for someone to help bust him out of the Crimestoppers float.

Minden Hills council votes against zoning change

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's victory for the Moore Lake Property Owners' Association.

At least for now.

At a Minden Hills council meeting on Nov. 26, councillors voted down an application by Moore Lake resident Verne Brinsmead to change the zoning of his Mulberry Lane property from recreational commercial exception (C3-16) zoning to recreational commercial (C3) zoning.

Brinsmead wants to add two more rental cabins to his 1.1-hectare property, bringing the total number to six, as well as convert one into a year-round residence, which caused many of his neighbours a great deal of concern.

More than 20 Moore Lake residents attended a public meeting on Oct. 29, expressing their opposition to the proposed change, citing reasons such as the lake's already high residential capacity and altered water flows that might result from the construction.

While he was absent from last week's meeting, it is widely expected that Brinsmead will appeal council's decision with the Ontario Municipal Board.

"This isn't the end of it, ladies and gentlemen," Reeve Jim McMahon told an exalted crowd after council's 4-3 vote to quash the application. "This is the start of the trip to the OMB."

The vote, in which McMahon, along with councillors Peter Oyler, Barb Reid and Lisa Schell, voted to defeat the application, came after an hour-long discussion.

Three Moore Lake residents who had first made presentations to council at the public meeting last month had asked to speak at last week's meetings and their names had been put on the agenda.

However, as Councillor Peter Oyler pointed out, municipal regulations state that council can consider no new information on an application after a public meeting has been held.

"You're not supposed to take into account what they say, but you've heard it," Oyler said, contending that it would be virtually impossible for councillors to hear residents speak without letting their words impact council's decision.

Heather Sadler, a planning consultant hired by the municipality, had recommended that residents be allowed to speak, but stressed that councillors would not be able to take into consideration any new information that may be presented.

Oyler acknowledged that some of the presenters had travelled a great distance in order to speak, but questioned why it was being allowed and wanted to know if Brinsmead, who was unable to attend last week's meeting, had been informed that members of the property owners' association were going to speak.

Sadler said she would refer to the township's clerk on the process of deputation.

Clerk Cheryl McCarroll said Brinsmead had been informed but was not able to attend.

McMahon then told Oyler that he had been contacted by the clerk about the requests to make presentations and had thought that residents should be allowed to speak.

"I made the call and I'm chairing the meeting and that's why we're here," McMahon told Oyler.

In the end, the scheduled presenters decided not to speak after Reid raised concern that their speaking in what could be considered a violation of municipal procedure may come back to bite them if Brinsmead appeals council's decision with the OMB.

It had been recommended by Sadler that if council approved the application, it restrict the development capacity on Brinsmead's property to 10 per cent. Currently, about six per cent of the property is developed, but under its current zoning, up to 30 per cent can be developed.

The Times was unable to contact Brinsmead before press time.





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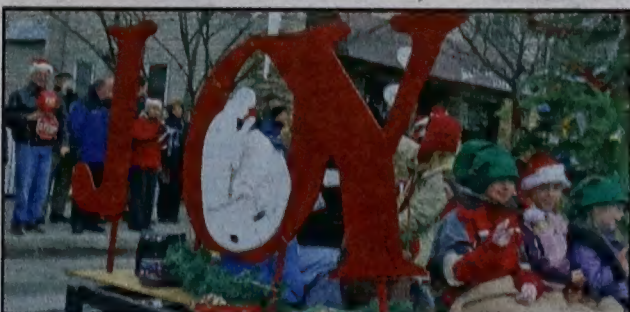
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Say goodbye to Christmas circus

So, Christmas is here.

Well, actually, Christmas won't be here for another three weeks, but really, the season of sugarplum fairies and mistletoe has been upon us since late October.

Yes, as soon as Halloween is over, and in some cases before, stores begin to set up Christmas displays and start pumping out Christmas tunes.

The whole idea here is that hearing Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas" will fill you up with nostalgic memories of grandma's sugar cookies and then, overwhelmed with joy, you'll run out and buy your family and friends a bunch of material possessions they don't need.

And it works. People do it.

A largely disproportionate chunk of the retail sector's profit is made throughout November and December as people buy and buy and buy.

Call me a grinch if you like, but this is insane behaviour.

A large number of Canadians even put themselves into debt for the sake of Christmas shopping.

Why?

We live in one of the richest countries on the planet and while most of definitely don't feel wealthy as we go about the daily grind, the fact is the vast majority of us, if without the things we want, have the things we need.

Does your dad really need another tie? Does Aunt Sue need that combination espresso machine and Belgium waffle iron?

Doubtful.

We should just be able to take time to tell people we care about them instead of lavishing them with more stuff; stuff that probably caused a bunch a pollution to make and in not so many years, will find its way into a landfill.

What is supposed to be a celebration of the birth of the Christian deity has become an orgy of rampant consumerism and materialism, perpetrated by a bunch of corporations and devoured whole by an increasingly secularized society, most members of which likely know very little about the life of Jesus Christ.

Really, think about it; this is insane behaviour.

And this circus now goes on for nearly a full two months. That's almost as ridiculous as an NHL season that extends well into June.

Happy Holidays.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

This year's winner for best of the Festival of Banners was Sue Bennett.

This year's Festival of Banners came to a successful conclusion with the auction of the banners at the Legion in Minden, this past Saturday. The total raised by the sale was \$1,750, which was in keeping with previous years. The money will go towards the approximately \$5,000 it will cost to put up new banners next year.

Photo by George Farrell, Special to the Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

No animal should suffer

To the Editor:

It was with utter disgust I read that an agency whose job it is to provide shelter, medical care and hopefully adoption to many animals in their care, have committed the ultimate sin.

As an animal advocate most of my life, and if I might add, worked tag days for The Toronto Humane Society as a young girl, I now learn they are under investigation for animal cruelty.

The general public blindly offer their pets under one circumstance or another, believing only in the best outcome but

now, this organization has broken that trust and it will take a lot of tap dancing to make people believe any different in the future.

As a member of the Minden Emergency Animal Care team, this type of conduct goes against everything we believe in "because no animal should ever have to suffer."

The Toronto Humane Society have lost the plot somewhere along the way and it's high time "The Watchdogs" put them on notice.

Gail Nicholson
Minden

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

The meat of the matter

Today I was reading about a scientific breakthrough that could change the way we live. Called in-vitro meat, essentially, it's meat grown in a test tube. Sounds delicious already, huh?

Just so you know, this stuff has already been produced, too. Dutch scientists recently announced that they grew pork muscle in a Petri dish. This is something that any bachelor has done in the back of his fridge at least once.

Fortunately, government regulations have cautioned anyone from actually trying it. And the same goes for the in-vitro meat.

Even so, this just might be the way of the future. Proponents of this technology say that, once perfected, it would be very simple to feed the world. You could take cells from one animal and create a volume of meat previously produced by one million.

They say this would also end the need for factory feedlots. This, in turn,

would significantly decrease methane and greenhouse gas emissions from farm animals and thereby ease climate change.

Here's the flip side that no one mentions, however. If all humanity were fed pork, our emissions would increase — by a lot, if my own experiments are any indication.

So you need to ask yourself: which is worse, methane from humans or livestock? Well, it depends if you are inside or outside the crowded elevator.

Many animal rights groups are supporting this research, by the way.

Their stand is that this could ease the suffering of farm animals. They have a point. Chickens, in particular, I suppose, would feel better if there were no cows farting in the barnyard all the

time.

This evolution in food seems inevitable to me — as a species, we are hopelessly drawn to mass-produced unnatural things of poor quality. That's why the bobble-head industry thrives.

Yet, everyone who analyzes this says its fate hinges on whether people accept lab-grown tissue as food. Before reading this, I read another article about a man who stuffed

16 live cockroaches in his mouth for a place in the Guinness Book of Records. So, for

the record, I believe people will accept it just fine.

Let's face it, this is just one or two steps beyond the mass produced burgers, fries and chicken we already line

up for in fast-food restaurants.

But I still can't help wonder if there will be a hidden cost to all this. If we slowly but surely remove the need for the family farm, where will we ever get the inspiration for movies like, *Babe*, a *Pig in the City*?

Actually, my biggest concern is about taste. Genetically modified fruit and vegetables have proven to me that science might be brilliant, but it's a lousy cook. Every GM food that I've sampled tastes like Styrofoam. And, yes, as a kid, I actually tasted Styrofoam.

So when scientists tell me that the bacon they're going to produce in a test tube will be just the same as that produced by farmers who have perfected this process over the span of civilizations, I'm more than a bit leery.

When it comes to the artificial bacon, at least, we'll just have to wait for crunch time.

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BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The sound of a page turning

You will have to excuse this column if it is a little out of sorts. My prose has been away from home for too long. It yearns for the comfort of its familiar computer home on Sapsucker Ridge.

For a week and more now we, my prose and I, have been flirting with a friend's Dell laptop that keeps a cool distance between us while our Acer pines away back home, alone and abandoned, and The Brown Dog Jiggs searches in vain for the Save As command on an unfamiliar menu.

The ampersands are a little off & there appears to be a shortage of semi-colons; grammarians who are regular visitors to this department will tell you this column can never have enough semi-colons.

It is not only this column that is discombobulated. Electronically speaking, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I are as cut off from the outside world as that guy Thoreau.

This column has a life of its own, only rarely interfered with by the guy

who gets credit for writing it. The writer is a bit of a fake, posing as a self-sufficient backwoods rustic, and now his bluff has been called by a cranky solar system.

Our cabin heats itself with wood and cooks and cools and lights itself with propane and gets along just fine without electricity, thank you very much. Solar is mere frippery, a spendthrift's link to the outside world.

Now the link is broken.

No computer, no emails, no seven-day weather forecasts. No television set. No radio. Barely a cellphone, sucking up dribbles of energy from eight golf-cart batteries in terminal decline.

The CN Tower can come tumbling down and The Brown Dog and I will be the last to know, unless somebody hires a plane to tow a banner over the

Gull River to give us the news.

Thoreau would be taken aback by my version of seclusion, with enough technology in my mudroom to run a space ship. There are at least four breakers I can think of, a controller with flashing lights, a battery charger, an inverter ... and eight batteries.

The whole shebang is only as strong as its weakest part, which happens to be the batteries, seven years old and five years past their best-before date.

New batteries are only a day or two away. To tell you the truth, I have mixed feelings about that. I've enjoyed my disconnectedness, a reminder that we don't really need all the information the world throws our way.

I've missed Charlie Rose, though I



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

haven't missed being kept up past midnight, three hours after Thoreau would have been in bed, by yet another of the tall-forehead PBS Rosean interviews.

I've missed CBC Radio, and my morning and evening news fixes, even though our relationship has become a little frayed. Like an old married couple, we stick together as much out of habit as affection.

Still, there is no better place to catch up on the world than the main network's six o'clock news and I miss that. Lately, I've been reading books instead.

I miss Canoe FM and alerts to the socket-wrench bargains at Home Depot and watching Steve Paikin on TVO. Bulletins from Barrie Martin and Roberta Coles and Daniela Pagliaro must be piling up in my inbox, but I'll get to them eventually.

For now, all is quiet on Sapsucker Ridge. Only the banging of the woodstove, the occasional Jiggsian groan of contentment and the sound of a page turning break the silence.

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Council proves lack of regard for taxpayers

To the Editor:

The recent story regarding the encroachment of a municipal road onto the property of a ratepayer in Algonquin Highlands serves as a reminder of the lack of regard that the township council has for the people that they are elected to serve:

Somewhere in the past, the township (as represented by public works and/or engineering) failed to adhere to standards, practices and normal due-diligence which resulted in encroachment upon and (increasing) damage to a private property. Where such an occurrence is between two private landowners, such as when a building is erected at or near a boundary between neighbouring properties, it is incumbent upon the party performing the work to perform surveys and obtain permits and agreements ensuring that the other property owner is either protected from or indemnified for loss or damages resulting from the work being performed.

Most often we see a municipality's involvement in a case such as this as being an arbiter or enforcer, almost always on the side of the "injured party."

Mr. Greenaway is in the unfortunate position of dealing with a "neighbour" who

feels no need to follow laws; why should they when they can simply change the rules to suit them?

Mr. Greenaway should not be punished for failing to perform and act upon surveys and other requirements which were clearly the duty of the township. The "can of worms" that the reeve is worried about opening is one that ought not to exist in the first place, and it wouldn't if the township followed the same rules as they impose on the rest of us.

Mr. Greenaway approached the council with an incredibly reasonable, even generous proposal, only to be rebuffed by the municipality which, not satisfied with removing half of the set-back from Harvey Avenue, feels the need to continue using and damaging Mr. Greenaway's property for "snow storage".

As for "setting precedents," the precedent of fair treatment should be one that all levels of government should be happy to embrace.

The council of Algonquin Highlands would be well advised to look ahead to the as yet-unassessed impairments of other private properties around the airport and assure that these problems are dealt with BEFORE actions are taken. It is certain

that there will be no opportunity for "implied dedication" in those cases.

In the meantime, I hope I won't be reading of our council loading up on groceries

and refusing to pay....

Andy Muirhead
(Little) Cameron Lake
Stanhope



To close or not to close bridge

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

To keep Loggers' Crossing pedestrian bridge open for the winter, or not to keep Loggers' Crossing pedestrian bridge open for the winter – that was the question that came before Minden Hills councillors last week.

Community services director Rick Cox told councillors that he and other department heads had "agreed to disagree" about what should be done about the winter maintenance of the pedestrian bridge that was installed in May as part of the township's Riverwalk project.

Councillor Barb Reid said she thought keeping the bridge open for the winter could be dangerous and a liability for the township.

"If you close it, you've made it clear to the public that it's not to be used," Reid said,

suggesting the entrances to the bridge be blocked with gates for the season.

Cox said he thought that even if councillors decided to gate the bridge for the winter, it was important the township remove snow from the bridge's deck. Cox said a buildup of perhaps a metre of snow on the bridge would dangerously reduce the height of the guardrails, implying that even if the township closed the bridge for the season, residents would continue to use it anyway.

Councillor Peter Oylér said he wasn't sure why the bridge was being treated differently than sidewalks or any other piece of infrastructure owned by the municipality.

Councillor Bill Obee agreed, saying he wasn't sure it was necessary for council to be making a resolution about the bridge at all.

In the end, councillors voted to keep the bridge open for the winter and sand will be used in an effort to keep residents from slipping on any ice.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. 08-23
Applicant – **Terry and Susan HILL**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9033, registered November 12, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 25th day of November, 2009.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, ACST, CMM, ACST

Planning Administrator

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

(By-law – 09-107) Part of Lot 11, Concession 5, in the Township of Snowdon (Dahl and McKernan)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 09-107 on the 26th day of November, 2009 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 22nd day of December, 2009, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 2nd day of December, 2009.

C. McCarroll, Clerk
TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

RIVERWALK pathway loop will not be maintained from October 1st to May 1st. Users will do so "at their own risk" and pathway could be slippery. Council, at their Council meeting on November 26, 2009, instructed that the Loggers' Crossing Bridge will be open for public use during the winter months – please use caution.

NOTICE

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (Elections tab) for complete up-to-date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010.

**IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec 4th Annual Township's Christmas Dance—all invited @ 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Dec 10th Council 9:00 a.m.
Dec 15th Fire Fighters Food Drive (Door to Door)
Dec 24 - Admin office Closed
Jan 1
Jan 4 Admin office Open
Jan 14 2010 9:00 a.m. COTW, Council Chambers

Township of Minden Hills Offices Holiday Hours of Operation

Minden Hills Municipal Office-7 Milne St.

Open December 21st to 23rd, 2009
Closed December 24th to January 4th, 2010
Re-open January 4th, 2010

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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Where the Pen Meets the Brush

Dec 5, 2009 to Dec 5, 2009, 2 - 4PM, R.D. Lawrence Place

Writer Rev. Janet Stobie and former Minden artist Marion Hill will talk about how to collaborate between a writer and an illustrator based on their experience doing the children's book Spectacular Stella. \$2 Admission. For more information Email: rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.com

Christmas in Wolf Hollow

Dec 9 - 19, 2009, R.D. Lawrence Place

Wolves, bears, porcupines, skunks, owls, and other animals took refuge at Wolf Hollow, where Ron and Sharon Lawrence restored their health and then returned them to the wild.

Their stories are told in a multi-media presentation and a new exhibit based on the Lawrence's private sanctuary in Gooderham called Wolf Hollow. Email: rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca

Sneh Chakraburty Book Launch Ayurvedic Fusion Cooking

Dec 12, 2009, 10:00AM - 12:00PM, R.D. Lawrence Place

Sneh Chakraburty is published internationally and will be introducing her books on healthy living at R.D. Lawrence Place. Book sales go to the Chinmaya charity. For more information, email rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will hold its regular Council Meeting on December 10th, 2009, 9am. There is no Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting held in December.

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All interested parties must submit their completed Application (available at the Township office or at www.mindenhills.ca) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "RENTAL APPLICATION – 2 PRINCE STREET, MINDEN" to the Township of Minden Hills

Attention: Peter Brown, Environmental & Property Operations Manager

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New Tax Payment Options

Effective January 1, 2010 we will be offering three preauthorized plans for paying your property taxes:

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10 Month Payment Plan – the current year taxes will be deducted from February to November on the last business day of each month for accounts that are paid up to date with no overdue amounts.

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The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House

Tel: 489-1939
(Restaurant)

Jason Reay Construction

Tel: 457-6010
(Contractor)

The Red Umbrella Inn

Tel: 489-2462
(Resort)

Upcoming Events

Festive Holiday Chamber Open House

Thursday, December 17th at the Chamber Office from 2:00-4:00pm.
Please bring a toy or non-perishable food items for the Toy Drive!

Newsflash

Membership Survey~ complete survey available at
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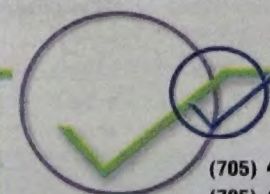
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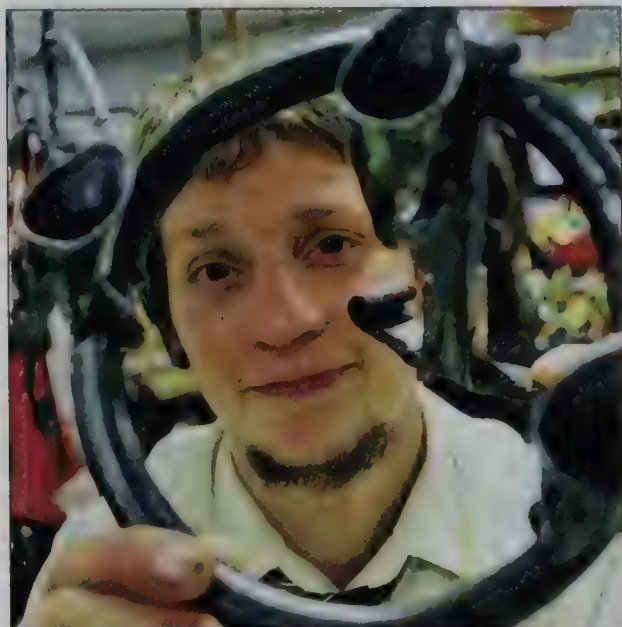
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Fleming arts student Sam Tessier, from Saskatchewan, shows off a candleholder he forged himself.



Minden's Steve Smith had on display a number of coat racks he made.



Bassist Ian Pay held down the bottom end as part of a trio including Bethany Houghton and Chris Kadwell.

Big 20th birthday bash for SIRCH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

There was wine, arts and crafts and live music at SIRCH's second annual gala and trade show at the Minden Hills Community Centre on the evening of Nov. 27.

SIRCH Community Services, on top of its hospice services, is responsible for the creation of a number of social programs in the county, including the local Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter and the School's Cool educational program.

This year, SIRCH is celebrating its 20th anniversary and SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson, who has been with the organization since its inception, was honoured at Friday's gala for her years of service.

Robertson took the opportunity to thank the members of

the community, without whom, she said, SIRCH would not exist.

"SIRCH is a community-based organization," she said. "Everything we do relies on volunteers and community partners. We wouldn't be able to do a tenth of what we do without our community partners."

Guests perused the booths featuring everything from mittens to knives to food and the trio of Bethany Houghton, Ian Pay and Chris Kadwell provided musical entertainment.

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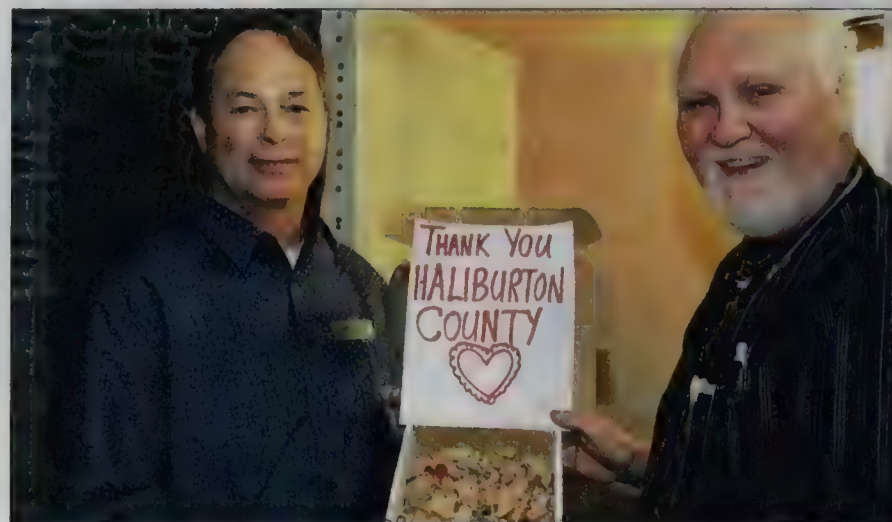
Giving children the gift of sound

by JENN WATT
Editor

Haliburton County has donated more than 200 hearing aids to be reconditioned for the poor in Cuba – a number compa-

rable to what is donated yearly by bigger centres such as Oakville and Burlington.

Gord Kidd, of Minden Haliburton Hearing Service, has been collecting the devices all year in special baskets around the county and on Wednesday, he gave the



Jenn Watt/TIMES

Unitron representative, Jim Stormont, accepts more than 200 hearing aids from Gord Kidd of Minden Haliburton Hearing Service Wednesday.

whole collection to Unitron representative Jim Stormont, who will deliver the aids to volunteers.

"For a small town, this [donation] is impressive," Stormont said. Components from the donated hearing aids – which are damaged or defective – will be salvaged and used to create new, free devices for

children in Cuba.

There is another hearing aid drive in April, so Kidd asks the community to continue dropping off their used or defective hearing aids to any of his offices around the county (Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce or Kinmount). You can also call 286-6001, 457-9179 or 1-866-276-7120.

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Jenn Wau/TIMES

Kin Club gives big to food bank

Joanne Barnes, manager of the Minden Food Bank, left, accepts a cheque for \$500 and a pile of groceries collected by the Minden Kin Club at its Christmas party from Kin Club members Karin Koch and Dana Robertson.

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Dial 211 for Christmas info

More families than ever are expected to ask for help this holiday season.

The 211 helpline can connect people with organizations running toy drives, food hamper programs and community meals, whether they need help or want to volunteer or donate.

For others, the 211 service provides information and referrals to utility and rent assistance, winter clothing programs, shelters and drop in centres for the homeless during cold weather alerts, and mental health programs open during the holi-

day season. The Collingwood-based 211 call centre has been operating since 2005 and with the help of local United Ways recently expanded the service to the Counties of Simcoe, Muskoka, Bruce, Grey, Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton.

211 is an easy to remember three-digit phone number that is answered live by trained information specialists. The number is free to call, is available 24/7 and has an interpretation service available in more than 150 languages.



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As of November 24, 2009 we have raised \$5,685⁰⁰ towards our goal.

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Haliburton COUNTY news

Devolin spent \$80,406 on mail-outs this year

by PEGGY ARMSTRONG
Sun Media

If you haven't heard that Lindsay is holding an Olympic Torch Celebration on Dec. 16, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin wants you to know you're invited.

The MP will be mailing a flyer to approximately 50,000 residents in the riding as soon as possible, a spokesman in his office confirmed to The Lindsay Post.

The mailing comes not long after it was revealed that Devolin has spent \$80,406 so far this year on flyers. He ranks eighth in Parliament for spending on mailings. Mailings are part of the House of Commons service, the spokesman said. There is no spending limit and the cost is picked up by taxpayers.

Devolin's spokesman said they don't know the cost of mailing the Olympic torch invitations to residents. He said they were asked by the city's Olympic Torch Celebration committee to do it. "They didn't have the advertising budget," he explained.

In an online *Lindsay Post* poll this month, 95 per cent of respondents said Devolin should not have spent over \$80,400 on mail out flyers.

The invitation encourages people to join Devolin at the celebration in Lindsay. It includes a reproduction of one of the posters the city has been using to promote the event that says the celebration is scheduled to begin in Lindsay at 10 a.m.

The torch relay will first go through Omeme at 10:30 a.m., which is not mentioned in the invitation or on the poster.

Tuesday Devolin's office issued a press release stating that \$15,000 in federal funds is being allocated to the Kawartha Lakes Olympic Torch Relay celebrations.

"I am very pleased that the federal government is providing assistance to Kawartha Lakes to host the celebrations of the arrival of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch," said Devolin in the press release. "This contribution will assist the Kawartha Lakes Torch Relay committee in making the arrival ... a grand celebration."

Angelica Blenich/TIMES



Warden's banquet celebrates County of Haliburton

Recipients of the county of Haliburton long-term service award proudly display their gifts Nov. 27. The evening featured an array of speeches from guests such as MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson.

More MPAC staff needed

by JENN WATT
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 25 meeting of Haliburton County council.

The municipal property assessment corporation could be doing more to save money and increase staffing to Haliburton County, Reeve Murray Fearrey told a delegation from MPAC.

"I don't care if I get a Christmas card from MPAC ... I think it's a waste of taxpayers' money," Fearrey said, explaining that he not only gets holiday cards from the public group, but also glossy financial statements in the mail.

Travel time between their Peterborough offices and this county also wastes precious time that could be sent doing assessments, Fearrey said. He suggested workers stay overnight in the county instead.

"Agreed," was the short answer from MPAC account manager, Valerie Jones. In 2009, MPAC received 1,580 requests for assessment reconsideration. As of Nov. 25, 1,578 were completed. Municipal relations representative, Judy Piggott, said 778 of the reconsideration requests resulted in no change of assessment and of those that were changed, the adjustment change was 0.19 per cent.

Jones clarified that sometimes there are

property changes – such as tearing down a secondary building – that MPAC doesn't know about during the initial assessment. Likewise, there can be depreciation through deferred maintenance that isn't taken into account.

Roads update

There is a 10-kilometre stretch of "severely mugged" earth on the Rail Trail, roads supervisor Doug Ray told council, which his department would be working to fix.

The damaged portion lies between the quarry and Ritchie Falls. Work on a culvert on County Road 3, Glamorgan Road, will continue into December, Ray said.

The road was shutdown to all traffic on the Nov. 21 weekend, and will remain single-lane traffic until the end of next month. The bridge at County Road 21 is "progressing slowly," Ray said. He expects two lanes to be opened mid-December.

Staff work to replace Trails and Tours

Trails and Tours will be dismantled as of Dec. 31, but some of its programming may still go on. Bob Smith, head of economic development and tourism for the county, told council he will be bringing a proposal

on how to "mitigate negative impacts left as a result of Trails and Tours not being around" at the next committee meeting. He said that activities such as Hike Haliburton would be missed from an economic standpoint in the county if no one attempted to take it over.

County wants money for nurse practitioners

The county will be sending a letter to the province asking for funding to add another nurse practitioner to the mix with the family health team. In a meeting with the minister of health promotion, CAO Jim Wilson, Reeve Dave Burton and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison were told to specifically ask for money for the health providers.

"A nurse practitioner can alleviate a lot of time from a physician," Harrison told council. Harrison said that the province is also considering a provision that would allow the whole of Haliburton County to be designated "under-served" because of the lack of doctors. Previously, individual municipalities had to apply separately for the designation, which allows access to incentive funding to lure doctors.

"The recruitment committee wants the whole county designated under-served," Harrison said.

Stormy the clown's balloon hats were a big hit.



Dorset begins holiday season

by SIAN COX
Special to the Times

The Dorset Lions Club held their annual children's Christmas party at the Dorset Recreation Centre this past Sunday afternoon. Youngsters had the opportunity to make a Christmas craft, enjoy the plentiful food, have their faces painted by Stormy the clown, and of course, visit with Santa. The two-hour long party was followed by a tree lighting across the street at the fire hall, with yet more food and hot chocolate too!

See more of Sian Cox's photos of the Dorset Christmas party online at www.mindentimes.ca.



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Makes A Great Stocking Stuffer!

Red Hawks fly off to 4-0 start

Haley notches second 5-point game in 8-1 win over Holy Cross

by **TERRANCE GAVAN**
Times Staff

Soft hands, deft touch, great peripherals, and an innate ability to let the game come to him are all paying hefty dividends for Red Hawks hockey forward Ashton Haley this season.

Haley is ripping – scoring 11 points in his last three games – and brandishing his composite stick like Harry Potter's wonderful wicker wand.

Ashton Haley is fast becoming an early Christmas present for Red Hawks coaches Ron Yake and Gary Brohman, who are running out of superlatives for their talented 16-year-old, Grade 11 forward.

Last Monday night at the old Dysart barn, Haley scored a goal and four assists

in an 8-1 win over the visiting Holy Cross Hurricanes. He added a crucial goal in a 2-1 win over Fenelon Falls last Thursday, and he erupted for a similar five-point night (two goals, three assists) just a week ago in the Hawks' 9-0 win over Lakefield.

The Hawks are in first place and micro-managing an impressive 4-0 start to their season.

Haley's latest five-point outburst has landed him atop the Kawartha High School Hockey League standings with 13 points – four goals and nine assists – a full three points clear of Kenner High School's Brandon Johnson who has nine goals and one assist in four games.

The Hawks travelled to Peterborough yesterday afternoon (Tuesday, Dec. 1) for a game against Johnson and his Kenner

teammates, placing the two 4-0 teams in the spotlight for a crucial game that will have huge implications down the road. (Results will be in next Tuesday's Echo.)

The fact that the Hawks were facing a 20-hour turnaround between Holy Cross and Kenner was not having a dampening effect on Haley's enthusiasm on Monday night. The young man with the Grand Canyon grin was just very happy.

"I was hoping to come out, try my best and see how things laid out," said a smiling Haley after the game. He added that his philosophy for Monday's gig was pretty simple: "I tried to spread the points around, and just let everybody put the puck in the net."

He said that Holy Cross presented an anomaly heading into the game. The Hurricanes were a powerhouse last season, but they also lost a lot of seniors to graduation.

High school hockey is a cyclical ride, but the Hurricanes, who draw from a huge population base, are often able to bypass

the seesawing doldrums via that deep Peterborough Catholic recruiting pool.

Haley allowed that they were prepared for a taut, close-quarters struggle, but he said he was just as happy that the Hawks were able to dominate and pop out from the other side with a rather lopsided win.

"Yeah, they're usually a pretty good team; they came second at OFSAA last year, so I was surprised we won so big tonight," said Haley.

The sunbeam shine on the face in the corridor under the Dysart et al arena stands spoke reams. Haley is not only having a great season, he's having fun, and he says that merriment plays a big role with all his Hawk teammates this season. "Oh I love it, every game, every shift," said Haley.

He said that the win was especially nice, because the Hawks were also missing their other top gun, Brett Yake, who was away playing a game with his triple-A club. Heading into this game Yake was

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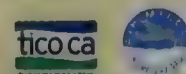
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Strong fore-checking helps set tone early

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leading the team with three goals and four assists.

Haley said that coach Yake just told the players to step up, fill the holes and rely on the tremendous depth that the Hawks possess this season. He added that some strong fore-checking and super-hustling zone play set the tone early.

"Yeah, we got on them early and played hard," said Haley. "We like to get the first goal and get the momentum. We had that one missing player, and so we just double-shifted and filled in where we were needed, and we had a great game tonight."

No kidding.

The Hawks jumped early and often, scoring four goals in the first six minutes. They carried a 7-1 lead into the second period, and cruised for the remainder of the contest.

Hurricane goalie Dustin Cook let some softies run by him early, but then settled down and hung pretty tough allowing only one more goal in the final two frames. All the same, he came out of this one looking like one of those wobbly ducks at an amusement park arcade.

On the other side, Hawk crease demon Paddy Manuge was flawless except for that first period goal, earning his second big win of the season.

Overall Yake said that his charges did



Cole Rowden (17) and Ashton Haley (71) give Holy Cross goaltender, Dustin Cook, a case of dyslexia as he ponders sevens and ones and a loose puck during Kawartha high school hockey action last Monday night. Haley scored a goal and four assists in the 8-1 Red Hawk win.

See more photos of the game by Terrance Gavan online at www.mindentimes.ca.

exactly what the coaching staff asked them to do, and he added that Holy Cross was stymied, in large part, by the Hawks' strong three-line pressing front-side attack.

"They [Holy Cross] have a young team," said Yake. "They had a strong team last year and they lost a lot of their guys; and that's what happens in high school hockey, you go up and then you lose players, and start again," said Yake, whose Hawks occupy the latter part of that seniority curve this season.

"Our fore-check again was very strong and that kept the puck in their end and got them running around; also the puck went in for us at the start of the game, and that certainly helped," said Yake.

"Hey, we're 4-0 and at the start of the year I knew we were going to have a

strong team, and you never really know how strong, but the players are buying into what we're trying to get them to do and they're seeing the results," he added. "There's nothing better for a team than for them to actually see it happening on the ice and the system paying out. We're well balanced and they all have the ability to play well."

In other scoring, Mark Vasey and

Brandon Yake scored a pair of goals apiece; Ian Bottum had a goal and two assists, and Matt Rae and Scott Griffith had a goal and an assist apiece. Drew Paul added two assists, while Carson Roberts and Keaton Gadway each notched an assist.

Overtime: The Hawks travel to the prestigious Whitby Tournament on Dec. 10-11.

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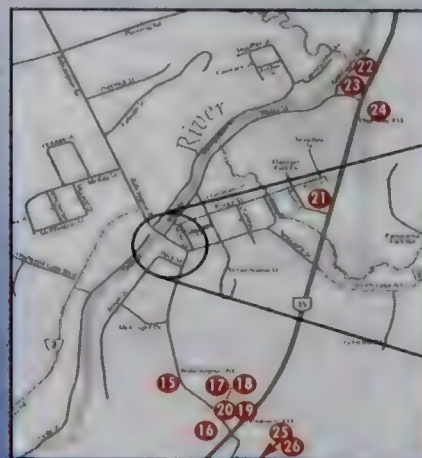
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Awards proposed for young rescuer

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sat down in a chair. Taylor continued to coax the woman out of danger, taking her hand and leading the disoriented woman onto the grass.

"She sat for a minute and I got her onto the ground away from the building," Taylor said.

The girl got the woman to lie down a safe distance from the building and moved the woman's arms above her head to aid airflow into the lungs; something she learned from Mr. Stamp in gym class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Fire chief, Doug Schell, thinks Taylor's actions were an act of bravery and he hopes to see her recognized for her work.

"She took it upon herself to pull this lady out of her apartment. She's a brave little girl," Schell said.

The fire started when someone on oxygen lit a cigarette in her apartment. Flames gutted the unit, but the separation walls between dwellings kept everyone else safe, Schell said. Twenty firefighters attended the scene for two hours, starting at approximately 5 p.m., though some stayed until 1 a.m. the next day. Fans were used in the hallways to remove the smoke, allowing residents to return to their apartments that same evening.

"[Taylor] will be put up for bravery in the township" as well as with the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, he said.

The whole experience was frightening for both girls.

"I couldn't stop hugging her," Jayme said of her sister after the fire.

Taylor admits she was scared, but when a mention of bravery comes up, she shies away from the idea of recognition. "I didn't really go in ... I don't think I did anything special," she said.

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'You can't put a price on a human life': councillor

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The loss of this agreement could potentially put the lives of Carnarvon residents in jeopardy, councillors and residents contended, since Stanhope firefighters can make it to Carnarvon in a matter of a few minutes and half the time are on-scene before EMS teams from Minden and Haliburton make it to the area.

Minden Hills council discussed the issue for the first time last week and several councillors agreed the proposed change could risk people's safety.

"Money's always an issue, but you can't put a price on a human life," Councillor Peter Oyler said. "I'm not going to support a reduction in essential services."

Fire chief Doug Schell, who has been asked to decrease his budget this year as the township tightens its purse strings, told councillors that, "the only place I can save money is through our fire agreements."

Schell acknowledged that the proposed change would likely mean a delay in response to medical emergencies in Carnarvon, since residents would have to wait for EMS teams to arrive.

"There is going to be a slight difference," he said, adding the delay in response time could be five minutes.

"Based on that, I can't agree to making the change," said Councillor Bill Obee. "Keeping Algonquin Highlands involved with first response is the way it should go. I think

we want to supply the best service we possibly can."

Other councillors agreed and Schell is to meet again with representatives from Algonquin Highlands to discuss the agreement. From last week's meeting, it sounds like Schell may suggest the standby fee be reduced to \$2,500 a year.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she had no official comment on the issue until her council received something in writing from Minden Hills.

Schell expects that changes to Minden Hills's fire services agreements with Dysart et al and the City of Kawartha Lakes, which would basically entail limiting the types of fires his department responds to in those townships to structure fires only, will see savings of approximately \$8,000 a year. Any changes to the township's agreement with Algonquin Highlands will not affect fire response and the area of Pine Springs, in former Hindon township, will continue to be serviced by Algonquin Highlands since the area is simply too far from Minden.

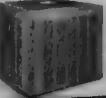
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Scotty Morrison talks about View Behind the Whistle

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Scotty Morrison:

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Waking up this morning to a winter "postcard" I heard the news that Toronto had, as of last night, broken a 70-year record for a November with no snow. This brought back memories of Bruce's retirement party back on Jan. 13, 1999 when Mayor Mel called in the army to assist with snow removal and of the great storm in '44 when the banks towered over our excited young heads. Yesterday found us in Bobcaygeon visiting The Wee Tartan Shop North. Bruce, a Forbes, and I of the Fraser clan were looking for family gifts reflecting this ancestry.

Allan Watson, the proprietor, was well-versed in Scottish lore. He assured us that the Forbes were neither notorious sheep rustlers nor did they fight "for Bess" as Bruce had been led to believe. Allan also explained the difference between an official tartan and that known as a dress tartan.

Apparently a man would never be found in a dress tartan. These alternatives had actually been created for ladies to wear and then only after 6 p.m. when the white threads heavily woven into the design would be more visible in the poorly lit surroundings of the times.

For devoted fans of television's long-running Coronation Street and lovers of Guinness (which after sampling it in Galway I think must be, like olives, an acquired taste) there are entire displays of branded merchandise along with shelves laden with teas, cookies and other comfort foods familiar to those from the Isles.

Condolences are sent to the family of Mildred St. Thomas, a lovely lady who contributed much to our community through her work with the Kinmount seniors and her involvement with Burnt River United Church. She will be much missed and warmly remembered.

Once again Kinmount will take part in the Lights Across Canada celebration this Thursday, Dec. 3 with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 7 p.m. This year's tree is a living tree that will continue to grow strong and it will be dedicated in honour of Kinmount's 150th Anniversary.

Refreshments and pictures with Santa will follow in the Railway Station at this event sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development. Santa will then be off again returning here on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. for his parade along Main Street then up the hill to the Legion Hall where there will be refreshments and surprises for the children.

Thank you once again to the KCPED and the Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 the co-sponsors of the pa-



Christopher Sadler/Special to the TIMES

The Trillium Youth Choir from Bobcaygeon performs "Winter Wonderland."

rade for their generosity.

The Kinmount and District Lions Club have a variety of Christmas cakes and other festive treats on sale now at Gateway Variety, Slice of the North, Kinmount and District Health Centre, Kinmount Pharmacy, from Dave at Taylor's Garage or by calling Vic at 488-3053.

Also at the Health Centre, post office, Kinmount Pharmacy and the Kawartha Credit Union the Lions Club's Angel Trees are up and waiting for gifts of new, unwrapped toys for children and youths. Donations of non-perishable food items are also welcome at these locations along with the Legion and Freshmart.

Still working on your gift list?

This coming Saturday, Dec. 5 the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion branch 441 Kinmount will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the upstairs hall. Here is an opportunity not only to find special touches for Christmas but also support the work of the Legion in making our community such a good place to call home.

If you've been by the Austin Sawmill, located in Heritage Park on the banks of the Burnt River, the reno-

ventions completed to date with new roof, windows viewing gallery and beautiful mural by local artist Brenda Mulholland provide an exciting preview of what will be. There is still the opportunity to add your name/family to a leaf on the Giving Tree with a donation to this project. Forms are available on the site or give Diane (448-2635) or Yvette (488-2282) a call.

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Renzo Rosati pops the big question



STANHOPE LIFE

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There was lots of stuff to write about in this week's column. It's not quite as big as the epic novel War and Peace, but it's up there.

First!

Congratulations go out to our Carnarvon neighbours, Renzo Rosati and Tess Alfonso. Renzo took the leap and bought Tess a beautiful engagement ring and we are all very pleased! Renzo, you made a good choice!

This last weekend, Sue Mills and I took part in the trade show held by SIRCH Community Services and Consulting at the Minden Community Centre. It was a great turnout of familiar faces and opportunity to meet new ones. It was a pleasure to meet other local merchants and organizations. Owning a business is definitely a common denominator amongst us, in other words – we can relate!

There were many interesting and unique items for sale and beautiful booth set up so it

was with pleasure and great pride that I can tell you all that we won the prize for ours!

It was a well organized event and if we are asked next year to participate, the answer will be absolutely yes!

This Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. the Zion United Church will hold or have held (depends when you get your paper) their annual Christmas in Carnarvon called "A Humorous look at Christmas."

Admission is by donation to the food bank and the volunteers always outdo themselves with their baking! This is always a good cause.

This Saturday, Dec. 5 the Stanhope Firefighters are holding their annual children's Christmas Party at the Stanhope Firefighters hall on North Shore Rd. They ask that you register your child at 11 a.m. because Santa needs to know who will be there so that he can hand out gifts. There will be live entertainment and sing-a longs as well as activities to entertain the kids. Food and drinks will be available. The guys always put in a huge effort at these events so please try and attend.

This Sunday, Dec. 6, Santa will be at Pine Reflections between 1 and 5 p.m. to pose with

your children or pets, of course, adults, too. Pictures will be 5 by 7, framed and will cost you under \$10 and they will be ready the following week.

A few years back when we held the last one, I sat on Santa's lap because as a child Santa never seemed to be where I was living. But then I also used to get a lot of coal in my stocking so I guess Santa passed me by as a lost cause. Seriously, I always hung up one of my dad's work socks in hope of being part of the Canadian tradition but in our Italian tradition the sock was always filled with some coal, oranges and possibly other socks. Oh well.

This Sunday, there is an important event at the Zion United Church in memory of the senseless killings of fourteen Montreal women by that deranged individual on Dec. 6, 1989. Dec. 6 has been set aside as National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

There will be guest speaker Nancy Brownsberger from Sirch with musical performances by the Outloud Womyn's Voices.

The memorial is from 2 to 3 p.m. followed by tea, coffee and dessert from 3 and 4 p.m.

This Memorial Tea is presented by

Neighbours, Friends and Family in memory of all women killed by violence. For more information please call Bob McKay at 754-4556.

Please show up and show you care.

December 13, between 2 and 5 p.m. Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast invites you to their annual festivities on their property just north on Highway 35 towards Halls Lake at Stouffer Mill Rd. Watch for the red wagon and parking attendants.

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Have a great week!

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- December 1: Take Your Temperament at the Minden OEYC from 7 -9 pm- What are magic buttons? Learn your family's temperament styles and how to develop new approaches for adapting to them. Light supper provided. Please register at Minden OEYC at 705-286-1770 before November 19.
- December 2: Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Family Support and Education Meeting - Join us from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. This is a potluck so we start early at 6:00 pm. For family members and friends who know someone with schizophrenia, depression, ocd, bipolar disorder or other serious mental illnesses. 466 George Street, North., use back entrance and ring bell. Contact 749-1753 for more information.
- December 3: Kinmount Celebrates Lights Across Canada - Join us for our annual tree lighting ceremony at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and pictures with Santa in the railway station following the lighting of the tree.
- December 3: Whales in the Desert is the intriguing title of a slide talk by John Etches at 7:30 pm. - Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, presents this program at the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Rd. All are welcome. Non-members \$2 at the door. Geologist and photographer, John Etches is well-known as a popular environmental educator, formerly at the Frost Centre. He has been working with the United Nations Development Program to create educational experiences for this World Heritage Site; Wadi Al-Hitan, Egypt. Etches will guide you through the discovery of ancient whale fossils and the spectacular landscape of this desert setting. Call Pamela at 457-4767 for more details.
- December 3: Play and Learn at Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre 9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Parents and children under 6 years enjoy activities, crafts and musical circles. Gain tips and ideas around parenting challenges. Enjoy a healthy nutritional snack. For more information call Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 705-457-2989
- December 5: Norland Management Board is holding a fund raising Craft and Bake Sale from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm - Lunch of homemade soup, bun and dessert will be available from 12

noon to 2:00 pm at a cost of \$5. Come and check us out for Christmas shopping. To book a table at \$10 each, please call Grace at 705-454-3404. With your help we are getting closer to our goal of adding on to our Norland Arena.

- December 5: Cookie Walk at the Haliburton United Church - Join us from 10 am to 1 pm, bring your own containers to fill, while selecting from a wide variety of freshly baked Christmas cookies. Cookies are \$4 per dozen.
- December 6: 20th Anniversary Candle Light Vigil to Commemorate the 14 Women Murdered December 6, 1989 - Join us from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Kenner Collegiate High School. There will be a film interviewing a survivor of the Montreal massacre. Foods and refreshments following the vigil. For more information call the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre 705-748-5901.
- December 6: S.E.A.L. Meeting - Will be held at the Lion's Hall at 2 pm, 55 main St. Bobcaygeon, our annual Christmas season potluck dinner meeting and gift exchange. Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living: 887-4504
- December 6: Highlands Wind Symphony Christmas Concert 2009 - Join us at 3:00 pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets are available at Master's Book Store (now the Olde Country House Restaurant) Haliburton and Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. Adults \$10, students \$5 and family \$25. For more information call 457-1671 or email wildwoodfarm@sympatico.ca.

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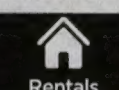
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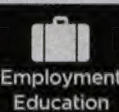
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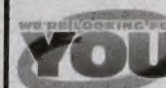
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Announcements

Deaths



FLETCHER, Robert S - In Loving Memory of Robert S. Fletcher. After a lengthy illness Bob passed away on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 at the age of 78 with his family by his side. Dearly loved husband of Nikki (nee Cummins). Loving and devoted Dad of the twins, Cindy (Bill), and Bob (Ruth). Adored Grampa of Bobby, Paige, Brooke, Charles and Rebecca. Survived by his sister Pat Lee (Jim). He was very much loved and will be greatly missed by many. A private family service has already been held. The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at the Extendicare, Haliburton for their care and compassion. If desired, donations to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers, Haliburton would be much appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

WALKER, Mary Doreen (nee McGann) - Passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's at Fleming in Peterborough on Monday, November 30, 2009 in her 83rd year. Daughter of the late James McGann and Myrtle Ferren. Beloved wife of the late Russell Walker (2007). Dear sister of William, Ralph, Leo, Joseph, Denise, all deceased. Lovingly remembered by her sisters-in-law Linda and Allie, and by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.** 127 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden on Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Cremation will follow. Reception will be held in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Interment later with her parents at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cemetery, Kilmount. Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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And the shadows flee away.*

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Deaths



Ralph Palmer (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Admired as a hardworking farmer in Richmond Hill until he retired to his dream home in Haliburton with his wife, Jerry, over 22 years ago. Jerry, his wife and best friend, passed away earlier this year on Jan. 9, 2009. Over the course of his retirement, he indulged in his love of snowmobiling, golfing, curling, tennis, motorcycling and cheering on his favourite hockey team, the Boston Bruins. In his spare time, he fixed small engines and worked on general household repairs. At the age of 77, following a brave battle with cancer, it is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dad on Saturday November 28, 2009. He was surrounded by his family, and we are grateful to have been by his side for his final goodbye. Devoted dad to Jude "Juby" (Dave), Ray "Raymond Ruskie" (Laura), Brian "Briny Friny" (Julie deceased), Dwayne "Skipper" (Susan), Carole "Boo" (Marton), Wendy "Wendell" (Ellen), and David "Dwayne" (Pauline). Cherished granddad of 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Predeceased by three brothers; Jack, Doug (Irene) and Garth. Will be sadly missed by in-laws, Shirley (Reg, deceased), Joyce (George), Jackie (Lloyd deceased), Ian deceased, Betty (Courtney deceased), and Susan (Lloyd). He had a great sense of humour and never failed to tease those he loved the most. Ralph will forever live on through his children. He will be dearly missed.

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Are the hardest things to say,
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In a very special way.
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In memoriam

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The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
Although we can not see you,
You're always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
Nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Still missing and loving you every day.
Love Neil, Andrea and Lee, Andrew and Tracy, Amber-Lee and Chad and all the Grandchildren.

In memoriam

SHAPIERA, Joseph (Joe) - In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away December 6, 2005.

*As time goes on without you
And the days turn into years.
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And a thousand silent tears.
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- Love and miss you so much, Eileen.

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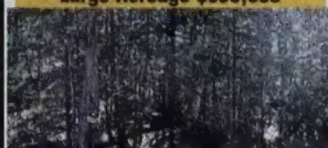
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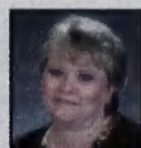


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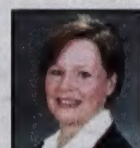
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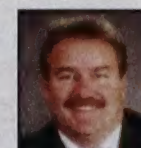
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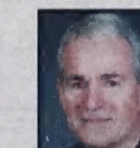
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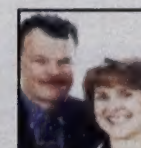
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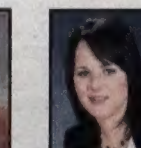
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